

Amendments To The Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

1 - 41. (Canceled)

42. (New): An optically readable medium comprising:

a reflective layer;

a data layer in communication with said reflective layer, wherein said data layer is readable by an interrogating beam from an optically readable medium reading device; and

a polymer layer in communication with said data layer, wherein said polymer layer has a first surface that is bounded below by said data layer and a second surface that is unbounded;

wherein said second surface permanently and irreversibly transforms from a sufficiently smooth surface that allows the interrogating beam to read the data layer to a sufficiently deformed surface that prohibits at least a portion of the data layer from being read by the interrogating beam after said at least a portion of the data layer is read by the interrogating beam.

43. (New): An optically readable medium comprising:

a reflective layer;

a data layer in communication with said reflective layer, wherein said data layer is readable by an interrogating beam from an optically readable medium reading device; and

a polymer layer in communication with said data layer;
wherein said polymer layer permanently and irreversibly transforms from an uncured state that is sufficiently optically transparent and that allows the interrogating beam to read the data layer to a cured state that is sufficiently optically opaque state and that prohibits at least a portion of the data layer from being read by the interrogating beam after said at least a portion of the data layer is read by the interrogating beam.